

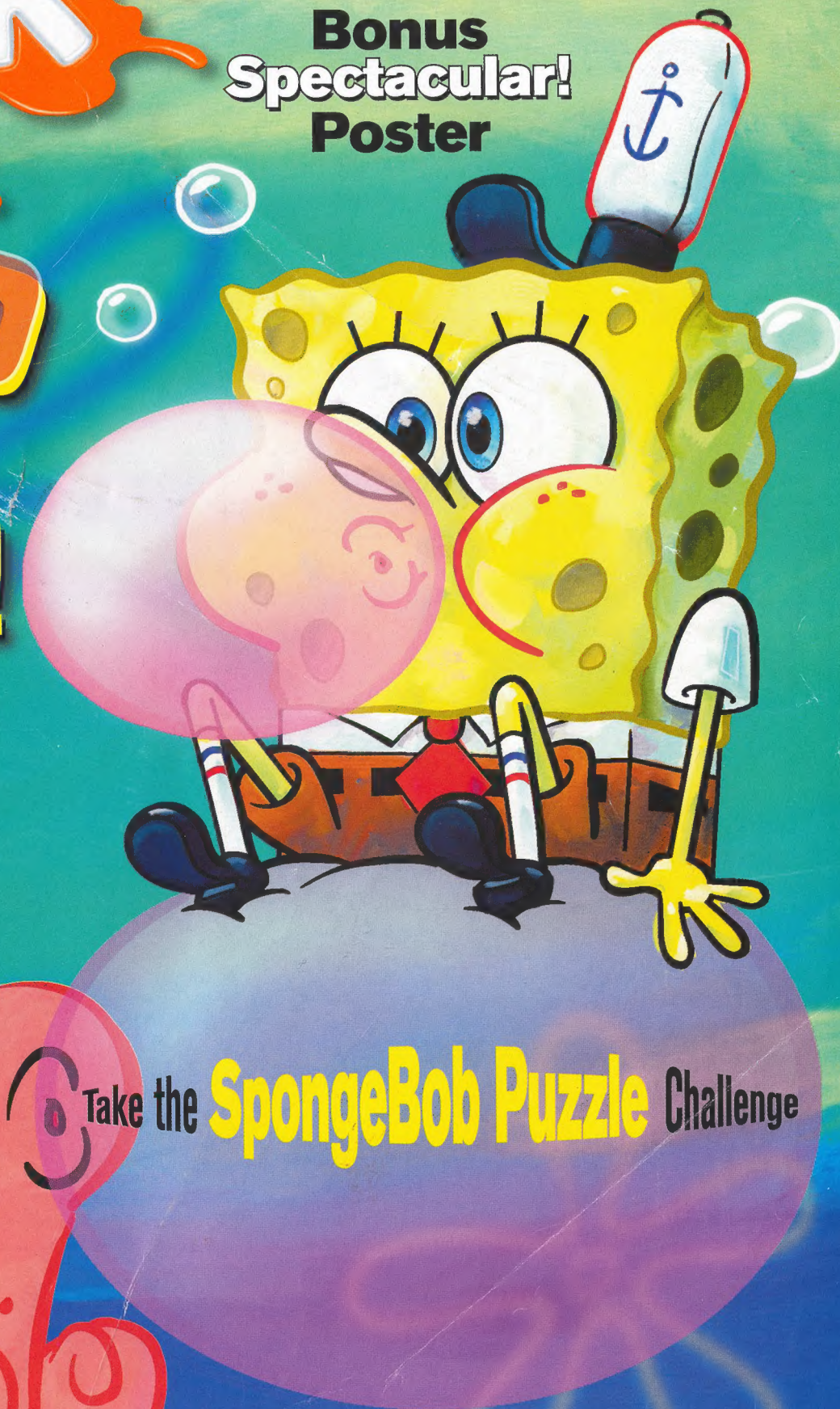
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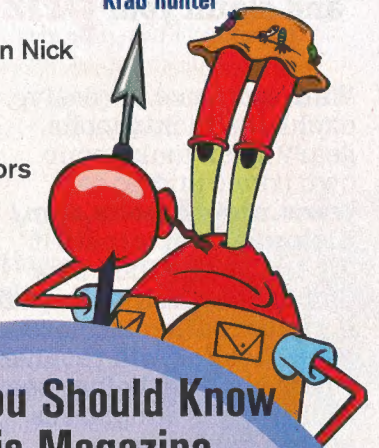


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3 Things You Should Know About This Magazine

- 1** When you see this **Real** it means the story is real. We couldn't have made it up if we had tried.



I'm Zelda Van Gutters, Nick Mag's roving reporter. If man's best friend is a dog, then who is a dog's best friend? (I'll take an otter, please.)



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- 2** Check out our page numbers. We usually try to discourage monkeying around in the office, but for this issue, we made an exception.



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Dear Nick Mag,

I think you guys should have another huge Comics Issue where there are lots of comics, or maybe just have more comics in each issue.

Jordan
via e-mail

Dear Jordan,

Hold tight. Our annual April Cartoon Issue is coming up next month!

.....

Dear Nick Mag,

Is Teeny Weeny a kid or a grown-up hot dog?

Quinn O., age 11
Centennial, Colorado



Dear Quinn,

Frankly, we don't know, because a hot dog never tells its age. We're pretty sure Teeny hasn't passed his expiration date, though.

About the November 2008 issue



Dear Nick Mag,

Your magazine rocks! It's my favorite magazine ever. In "Cutout Thanksgiving Pranks," one of them mentions that the

turkey was Montessori-educated. I was Montessori-educated. Is there something wrong with that?

Gus L., age 11
Sherborn, Massachusetts

Dear Gus,

Absolutely not! The reason we mentioned that the turkey was Montessori-educated was to show just how special the turkey was. But, as we're sure you know, in every school, there are a few turkeys.

My school was all dogs.



About the Dec/Jan 2009 issue

Dear Nick Mag,

How come you guys put December and January together?

Tyler E.
via e-mail



Dear Tyler,

Since we publish 11 issues in the year, we had to choose two months to combine. December and January are both cold-weather months, so we thought they'd stay warmer if we kept them together.

.....

Dear Nick Mag,

Why did you stop making the comic *Grampa and Julie: Shark Hunters*? That was my favorite comic! Please put it back in a future issue.

Robbie P., age 9½
Livingston, New Jersey



Dear Robbie,

All you had to do was ask. See page 28.

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	Meredith Ramirez is fed up. 2 minutes ago		Christian Lind just forwarded Julie Winterbottom another funny YouTube video. 40 minutes ago
	Angie Kandil saw her new Fendi bag at Overstock.com for \$60 less than what she paid. Grrrr. 5 minutes ago		Aabye-Gayle Francis just realized her plan charges for incoming texts, too. 46 minutes ago
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	Dave Roman can't decide between orange juice and Hawaiian Punch. 23 minutes ago		Laura Galen finally beat her mom in Scrabble with QUIZ on a triple word score. about an hour ago
	Chris Duffy just learned by sniffing his soles that his puppy isn't fully housebroken. 25 minutes ago		Vanessa Mandel finally mastered the intro to Stairway to Heaven. about an hour ago
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WHAT'S NEW ON NICKELODEON

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KCA Voting

It's time to cast your votes for the 2009 Kids' Choice Awards! Starting Monday, March 9, go to nick.com/kca and let your voice be heard! Then, starting Monday, March 16, check out a brand-new KCA online game. The show airs Saturday, March 28.



iCarly

Saturday, March 7

Can Carly, Sam, and Freddie get away with using doppelgängers to trick Spencer? Find out in the iCarly special "iLook Alike."

The Naked Brothers Band

Saturday, March 14

Nat and Rosalina are on the rocks and it looks like NBB is about to

be down one member. The group conducts a nationwide competition for a new bassist in "Naked Idol," and Nat finds out whether Rosalina can possibly be replaced.



Dates are subject to change. Check nick.com for details.

There's more news from Nickelodeon starting on page 36.





WINTER MADNESS!



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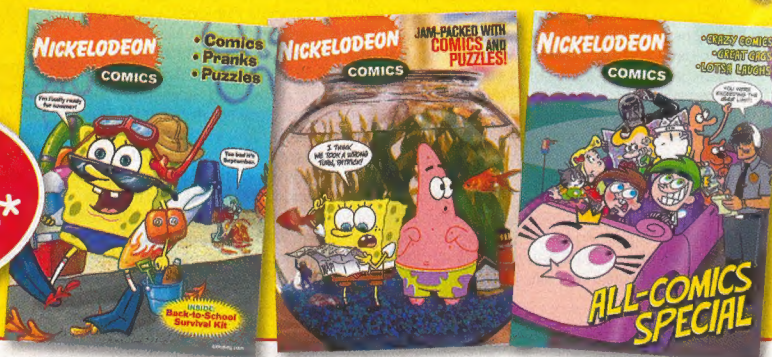
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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Nutrition Month begins It'll be good for you.	2 Chris Martin, lead singer of Coldplay, born, 1977 Viva la Chris.	3 	4 The American Automobile Association is founded in Chicago, 1902 It got in gear today.	5 Vitamin Verity #1 Kiwi fruits have more than twice the vitamin C of oranges.	6 Shaquille O'Neal, basketball player, born, 1972 He's always the center of attention.	7 
8 Vitamin Verity #2 Vitamin D is produced when your body is exposed to the sun's ultraviolet rays.	9 National Napping Day You have blanket approval. 	10 Emily Osment, actress, born, 1992 Emily likey her birthday.	11 	12 World Kidney Day We're not kidneying around.	13 National Money Show in Portland, Oregon, begins Show us the money!	14
15 Maine becomes the 23rd state, 1820 Go on a wild moose chase.	16 	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Queen Latifah, actress and singer, born, 1970 She gets the royal treatment today.	19 	20 National Bubble Week begins It should be a blowout.	21 Memory Day And don't you forget it!
22 Reese Witherspoon, actress, born, 1976 Let there be Reese on earth.	23 	24 Harry Houdini, American magician and escape artist, born, 1874 It was his first big escape.	25 Vitamin Verity #3 Vitamin A helps you see colors and in the dark.	26 Duncan Hines, food critic, born, 1880 He liked to mix it up.	27 	28 Vitamin Verity #4 Americans spend about \$4 billion dollars on multivitamins each year.
29 	30 Robbie Coltrane, actor, born, 1950 He's looking mighty Hagrid these days.	31 Bunsen Burner Day Fire up April!				

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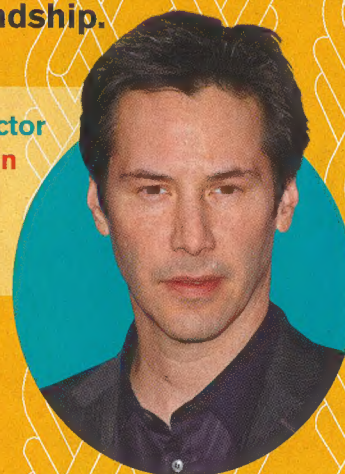
These stars used their imagination to talk about friendship.



Reese Witherspoon, actress

Did you have any imaginary friends as a kid?

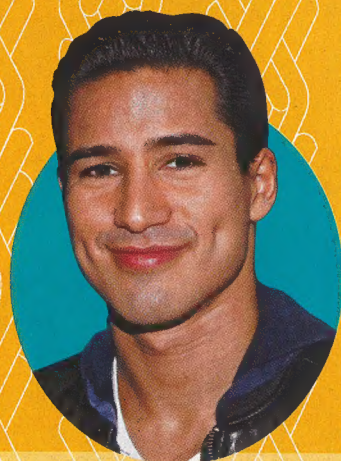
I had an imaginary friend named Bennett, but then I got mad at him one day and flushed him down the toilet. My imaginary friend had a really bad attitude. *[laughs]*



Keanu Reeves, actor

What famous person in history would you love to have as a friend?

William Shakespeare.



Mario Lopez, actor

What famous person in history would you love to have as a friend?

I want to be buddies with [Frank] Sinatra. I love him and Dean Martin. And Elvis! I want to be buddies with Elvis just to hang out during that time when he was adored.

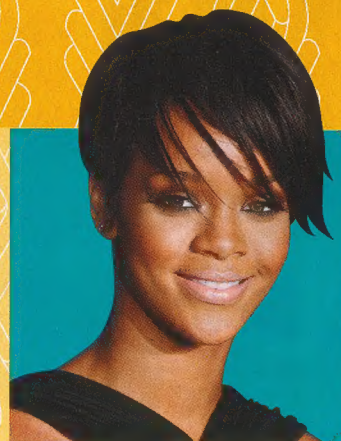


Howie Mandel, host of *Deal or No Deal*

What famous person in history would you love to have as a friend?

Alexander Graham Bell. If we were friends, maybe he could help me with bad cell phone connections.

Good call.



Rihanna, singer

Did you have any imaginary friends as a kid?

No!

Canine Companions

Using the hints, try to match each dog to his or her celebrity owner. **Answers on page 45.**



1 Rigby _____

My doggie cousin-in-law is Jessica Simpson's pup, Daisy.



2 Penny Lane _____

My owner is usually invincible.



3 Buckley _____

My owner sure can cut a rug. I just try not to have accidents on the rug.



A Hayden Panettiere



B Justin Timberlake



C Pete Wentz

shorts & briefs

All the stories that
are too short or brief
to print...yet we do
anyway!

Beyond BFF



The BFF (Best Friend Forever) acronym doesn't cover *all* friend situations. Here are some other ones that might come in handy.

BAF = Best Acquaintance Forever

BFF + 2MF¹⁰ = Best Friend Forever Plus 2 More Forevers to the 10th Power

BFWNEIA = Best Friend When Nobody Else Is Around

BFTBAVG = Best Friend To Beat At Video Games

WBFE = Worst Best Friend Ever

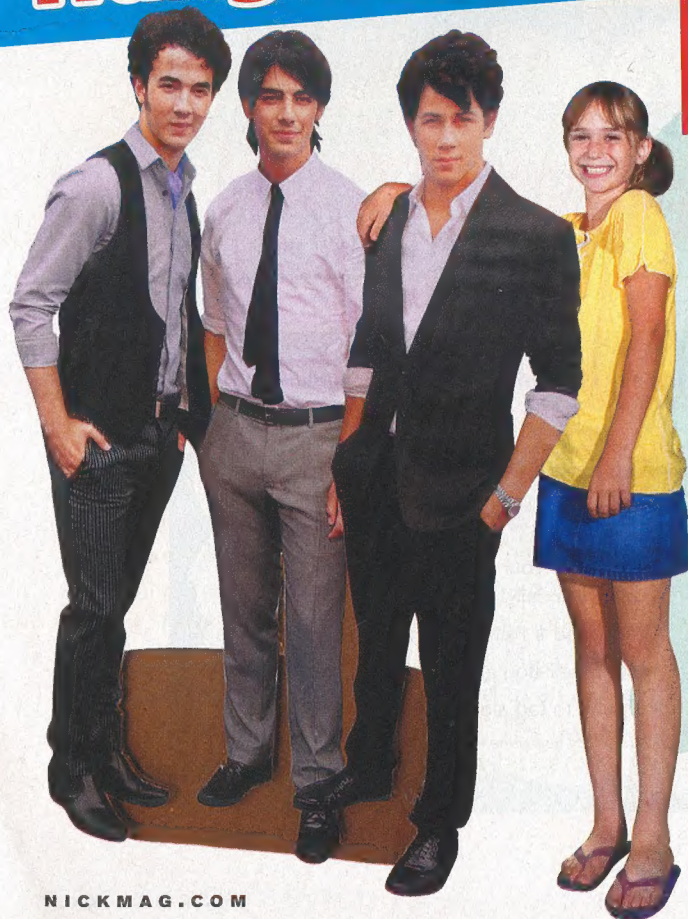
FBFF = Former Best Friend Forever

BFJFT = Best Friends Just For Today

BLT = Bacon Lettuce Tomato

BFFF = Best Furry Friend Forever.

Hanging With the Jonas Bros.



Convince people that you are best pals with the Jonas Brothers. Say the **dark blue** part aloud and then whisper or mumble the **light blue** part.

- ★ They bunked with me at summer camp, and I felt like I really got to know them. The camp was called Camp Rock.
- ★ We totally got our hair cut together last week and I even gave them some style tips, but they didn't use them because they were in the pages of a magazine on the chair next to me.
- ★ They were over at my house last week, rocking out in my living room on the concert DVD that I was cranking.
- ★ We hang out and jam all the time. They even let me sing. I just have to sing louder than my iPod speakers.
- ★ We are really close. I'm wearing a picture of Kevin around my neck right now.

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Signs Your Mom Doesn't Like Your Friend

You might think that your friend is cool, but watch for these signs that your mom doesn't agree.

When your friend comes to your house for a sleepover, your mom throws a sheet on the dog bed and asks the dog if it's okay to share.

She calls your friend Norman no matter how many times you correct her.

When your friend calls, your mom fakes an automated voice and says, "I'm sorry, but the number you have reached is no longer in service. Don't ever call here again."

Instead of inviting your friend to stay for dinner, your mom says, "I'm going out now to pick up our pizza, so I'll give you a ride home on my way."

Every few minutes, she pokes him or her with a muddy stick.



★ Friendship Renewal Card ★

Friendships, like magazine subscriptions, will run out if they're not renewed. This card makes it easy!

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DON'T LET YOUR FRIENDSHIP EXPIRE!

Your friendship with _____

(name of sender)

is about to run out. Send in this renewal form now so you don't miss a *single day of friendship!*

Yes! I want to renew this friendship for:

- ☐ **Monthly Plan** (Take it one month at a time and see how the friendship goes.)
- ☐ **1 year** (Avoid the hassle of finding a new friend for the rest of the year.)
- ☐ **Forever** (Call 1-555-4EVA for more information. Some restrictions may apply for flaky friends.)
- ☐ **No! I don't want to renew this friendship.** No hard feelings, we've just grown apart.

SPECIAL OFFER!

Sign up for our **Platinum Friendship Plus Program** when you renew, and get all these extras:

- ★ Copies of your friend's homework delivered daily*
- ★ Reserved #1 status on their speed dial
- ★ Meet their dog and their dog's friends
- ★ Option to tag along on cool family trips

*We do not guarantee that the homework will be correct.



Beast Friends

Mostly
Real

We rounded up a few unusual friendships from the animal world. If one of these pairings seems too weird to be true, that's because **one of them is not real!**

See if you can figure out which one we made up. **Answer on page 45.**

FOSTER PIGEON

Two years ago, a 12-week-old macaque monkey on Neilingding Island, in China, became separated from his mother. He was close to death when workers at a nature preserve rescued him. The monkey quickly regained his health but was seriously depressed until he met another patient—a white pigeon. The bird took the monkey under her wing, and they became constant companions.



BEARY GOOD FRIENDS

In 2000, a black cat named Muschi wandered into the enclosure of Maeuschen, an Asian black bear at Germany's Berlin Zoo. To the surprise of the zookeepers, the 800-pound bear happily shared his meal of raw meat, dead mice, fruit, and bread with the cat. The two were soon sunbathing, cuddling, and playing together every day. Last year, Muschi was heartbroken when Maeuschen was moved to an indoor area so that his enclosure could be enlarged. The cat sat outside meowing until the zookeepers finally let her into the bear's temporary home.



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Beast Friends

Reminder: Try to find the made-up friendship. Answer on page 45.

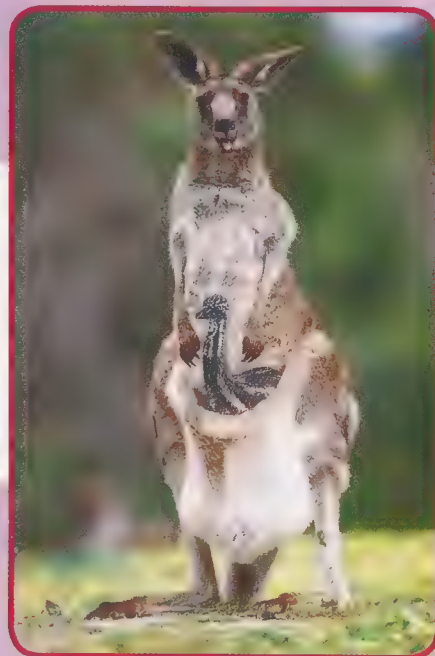


FRIEND, NOT FOOD

In 2006, Aochan, a three-foot-long rat snake in Tokyo's Mutsugoro Okoku Zoo, was given a 3.5-inch dwarf hamster as a snack. Instead of gobbling her up, the snake befriended the hamster, which is named Gohan, and the two have lived together ever since. Aochan even lets the little rodent take naps on his back!

BIRDBRAINED KANGAROO

In 2005, in the outback near Coober Pedy, Australia, a kangaroo discovered an abandoned emu egg. Instead of smashing it on a rock and letting it cook in the sun, she put the egg in her pouch to keep it safe and warm until it was ready to hatch. After he was born, the baby emu stayed put until he was too large for the kangaroo's pouch. Now the two have fun racing each other through the outback. At night, the emu, who thinks he's a kangaroo, too, sleeps with his head in his "mother's" pouch.



PUKA'S PET FROG

Barry Federman and his wife spotted live bullfrogs for sale as food while shopping at a market in Houston, Texas, in 2007. The couple decided to buy one of the frogs to save him from becoming someone's dinner. They named him Phineous and brought him home as a pet. For their Pekingese dog, Puka, it was love at first sight. Puka treats Phineous like he's her baby and follows him everywhere. If Phineous is in the aquarium, Puka sits right beside him. When they play, Puka nudges the frog with her paw to keep him from hopping too far away. □



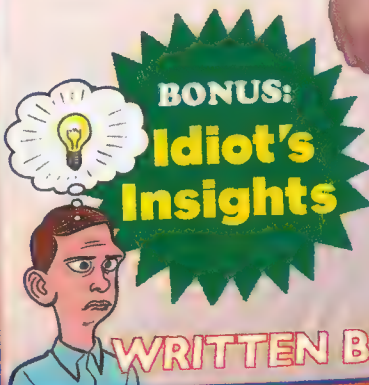
PRANK BOOK

Making friends isn't always easy. Especially if you take any advice from the blockheads who wrote *The Dummy's Guide to Friends for Total Idiots*. With help like this, who needs enemies?

The Dummy's Guide to **FRIENDS** for Total Idiots

INSIDE:

- How to make friends online—at the store, while fishing, waiting for the restroom, anywhere there's a line!
- Go green! Tips on recycling your friends.
- Learn to be your own worst enemy's best friend.



WRITTEN BY IDIOTS, FOR IDIOTS, ABOUT IDIOTS.

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What Kind of Friend Are You?

Take this quiz to find out.

1 Your best friend is X. X has a crush on Y. But Y has a crush on you. So you:

- dump these friends and get new ones who have real names, not just letters.
- tell Y that X hates Y. Then tell X that Y likes X. Then tell Y that you told X that Y likes X. Then tell X that you told Y that you told X that Y hates the fact that X likes Y.
- do nothing and wait for Z to show up and ruin the love triangle.

2 Your best friend, Tyler, calls you up at 3 AM and says, "I'm in a jam and I need five dollars right away!" You say:

- "I don't know anyone named Tyler" and hang up.
- "I don't have five dollars, but I do like jam."
- "I'll give you *fifteen* dollars if you promise never to call me again."

3 Your good friend Amanda wants to tell you a secret.

She makes you promise you will take the information to your grave and never tell anyone. You:

- tell her you can keep it a secret only if she doesn't tell you.
- tell her to call you on your cell phone in 10 minutes—you'll be at your grave then.
- listen to the secret and then don't tell anyone—you tell *everyone*!

YOUR FRIENDSHIP SCORE: If you circled three or more *A* answers, you are an A+ friend! If you circled mostly *B* answers, you probably like jam. If you circled mostly *D* answers, contact us—we would like you to write for the *Dummy's Guide*.

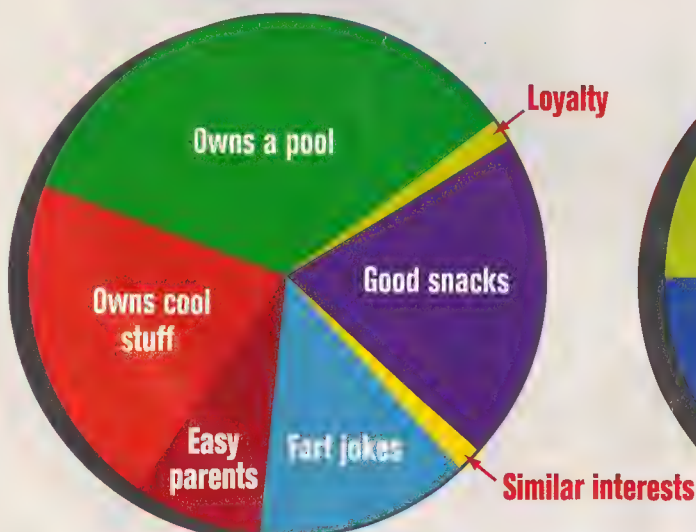


Idiot's Insight:

"Keep your friends close and your enemies in a cage."

Look at these pie charts to discover the key ingredients for a friendship or enemyship.

What Makes Someone a Good **Friend**



What Makes Someone a Good **Enemy**



Idiot's Insight:

A good friend is hard to find, so check behind the door and curtains and also under the bed.

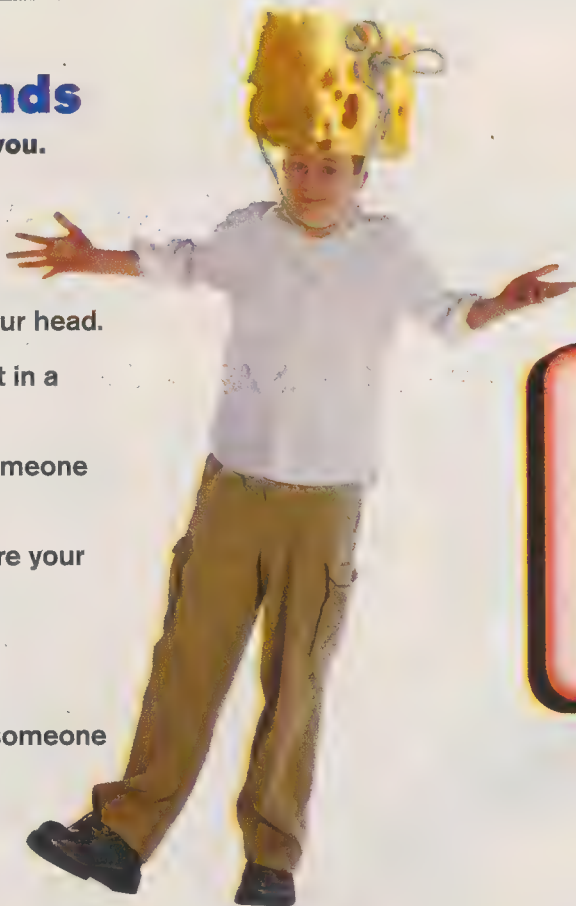
How to Make New Friends

It's hard to make new friends if no one notices you.

Try these creative ways to get attention.

(Bonus: These tips also work if you're trying to make new enemies!)

- ★ Walk around with a block of cheese tied to your head.
- ★ Repeat everything a potential friend says—but in a high-pitched, little kid's voice.
- ★ Get the same exact haircut and clothes as someone you want to be friends with.
- ★ When talking to new people, always make sure your mouth is two inches away from their face.
- ★ Invite yourself over to other kids' houses for sleepovers on random nights.
- ★ Make farting noises every time you are with someone and his or her favorite song comes on.



Idiot's Insight:

Since dog is man's best friend, take a tip from Rover: Greet your best friends by jumping on them. And don't hesitate to lick them and pee a little!

How to End an Enemyship

Even the best enemyships eventually come to an end. What should you say when it's time to quit? Here are some suggestions.



"I think it'd be best if we started loathing other people."

"First, you were my nemesis. Then, my archenemy. Now, nothing!"

"Yesterday I was looking at your face, and I didn't want to puke."

"You haven't posted any lies about me online in weeks."

Idiot's Insight:

End an argument quickly by jumping up and down while clapping your hands and repeating the phrase "I am always right."

"When was the last time you told me you hated me?"

"We just don't fight the way we used to."

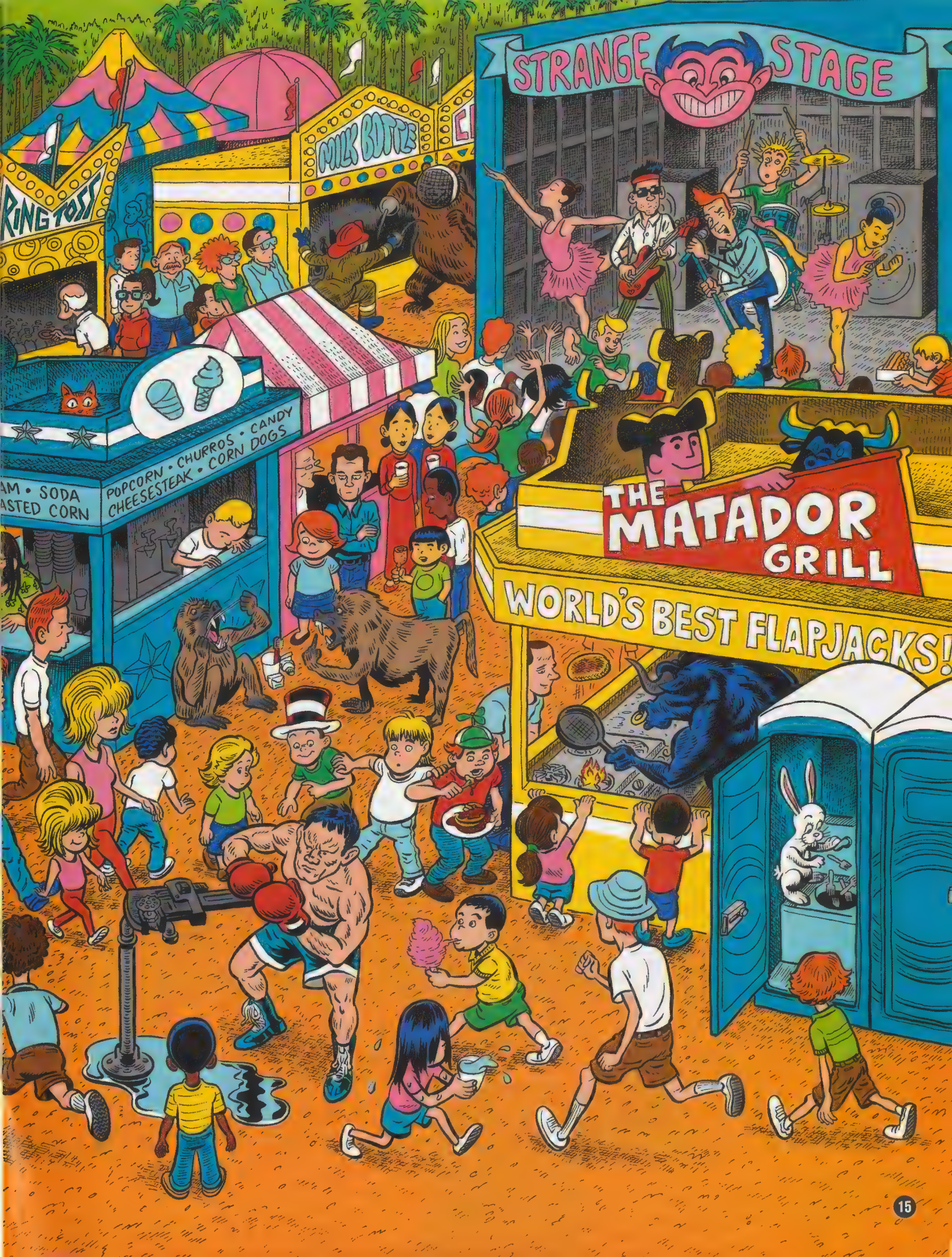
Best BFF PUZZLE Ever!

You're meeting your BFF (Best Friend Forever) at a really unusual carnival. Your BFF is nowhere to be found, but there are eight things happening that can be described with three words: the first beginning with a **B**, the second with an **F**, and the third with another **F**. For example, you'll notice a **Boxer Fixing Faucet** in the lower-middle portion of the puzzle. Can you figure out what the other seven BFF scenes are?

**Answers on
page 45.**

by Andrew Brisman





STRANGE STAGE

THE MATADOR GRILL

WORLD'S BEST FLAPJACKS!

ULTIMATE

Some characters were just never meant to get along. Here are some of

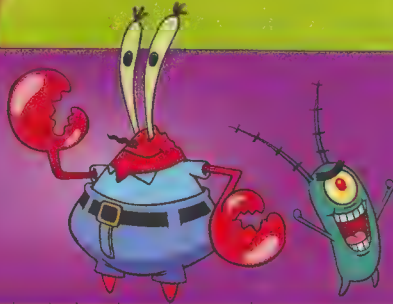
Why are they enemies?



The High School Musical series
GABRIELLA AND SHARPAY

Sharpay has always gotten whatever she wanted, but now Gabriella is competing for the attention of Troy Bolton.

SpongeBob SquarePants
MR. KRABS AND PLANKTON



Mr. Krabs makes a mean Krabby Patty from a secret recipe, and Plankton's restaurant, the Chum Bucket, can't compete.



The Wizard of Oz
DOROTHY AND THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST

When Dorothy's house falls on top of the Wicked Witch of the East, Dorothy receives her magical ruby slippers. The Wicked Witch of the West wants revenge for her sister and possession of the slippers.

Super Mario Bros.
MARIO AND BOWSER



Bowser has a bad habit of kidnapping Mario's love interest, Princess Peach, and imprisoning her in the Mushroom Kingdom.



The Star Wars series
LUKE SKYWALKER AND DARTH VADER

Darth Vader wants to rule the galaxy and turn his son, kindhearted Luke, to the Dark Side of the Force.

The Harry Potter series
HARRY POTTER AND VOLDEMORT



A prophecy told the evil Lord Voldemort that only one boy could destroy him—and he's been after Harry ever since.



ENEMIES

Real



our favorite rivals from books, movies, and television. by **Elana Roth**

How do they torment each other?

Can they make peace?

Rank from 1 to 10 on the Fight-o-Meter:

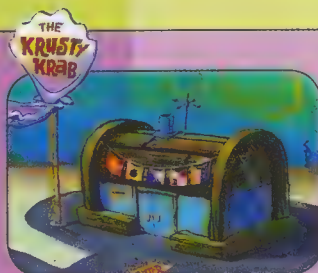


Sharpay stands in Gabriella's way at every turn.

Not really. Sharpay often appears to soften, but then she always goes back to her old, nasty ways.

5

Plankton constantly tries to steal the Krabby Patty recipe. Mr. Krabs keeps selling delicious Krabby Patties to loyal customers.



Yes. These old friends should put the past behind them and open a new restaurant together. (With Mr. Krabs's recipe.)

7



The Wicked Witch sends flying monkeys to kidnap Dorothy, but Dorothy holds tight to her ruby slippers.

No. Any friendship is impossible since Dorothy destroyed the witch with a bucket of water. Now all that's left is the witch's hat!

9

Bowser sends Koopa Troopas, Goombas, and other attackers, and Mario busts his way through every world to save the Princess.

Yes. Mario can teach Bowser to be less possessive of the Princess. (Maybe a pizza party would help.)

Hold the mushrooms!



6

Luke blew up Darth Vader's Death Star, and Vader keeps threatening Luke's friends.

Yes. A good heart-to-mechanical-heart talk seemed to be all they needed in the end.

9

Harry uses the Sorcerer's Stone to foil Voldemort's plan, but Voldemort does come back and keeps sending his army of Death Eaters after Harry and everyone he cares about.



Well, obviously, the last book in the series reveals... What? Some of you haven't read it yet? Okay, our lips are sealed.

11!

Are **You** an Imaginary Friend?

People often have imaginary friends while they are growing up. But what if *you* are the imaginary friend? You may not actually exist if you've experienced any of the following.



Your teacher never calls on you when you raise your hand.

You seem to get blamed for *everything*.

Most of your closest friends are stuffed animals, dolls, or action figures.

Adults talk about you as though you're not in the room.

You never get control of the remote.

Your best friend's parents have no idea what you look like.

People constantly invade your personal space.

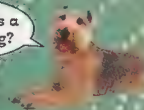
Sometimes you feel invisible.

No one ever asks what *you* want.

People always forget your name.

Your cat completely ignores you.

And that's a bad thing?



PULLOUT PRANKS

FRIENDSHIP POSTERS

Hang up these posters in your room, in your locker, or anywhere you want to display your feelings about friendship.

PRE-FRIENDIAL AGREEMENT

The next time you think you want to be BFFs with someone, have him or her fill out and sign this agreement.





Pre-Friendial AGREEMENT

This is to certify that I,

potential friend's name

do hereby agree to become BFFs with

your name

as of this date,

today's date

**By entering into this
agreement, I promise to:**



share my stuff, including all games, electronic gadgets, snacks, test answers, clothes, athletic equipment, pets, and downloads.



let you know if a booger is hanging out of your nose, your fly is open, your shirt is tucked into your underwear, or you are making a fool out of yourself in any other way.

turn over




FRIENDSHIP

There is such a thing as trusting a friend too much.


A good friend always has your back.





continued from other side

 plan all activities around your schedule and give you final say on who will be invited to join the activities.


 respond to any IMs, text messages, or e-mails from you within 15 seconds.

 laugh at all of your jokes no matter how many times you've told them and how unfunny they are.


 always take your call no matter whom I'm talking to, even if it's the president of the United States or someone calling to say I've just won a contest prize.

 defend you whenever anyone makes fun of you behind your back, even if what they are saying is true and I secretly agree.

Also:

 I cannot have a crush on anyone you have a crush on. If your crush prefers me to you, our friendship is terminated.

 If your parents like me better than you, our friendship is also immediately terminated.

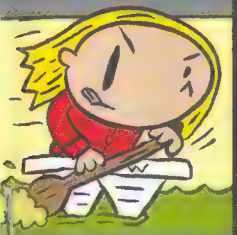
 If I somehow become cooler and more popular than you, I will not terminate our friendship.

potential friend's signature

your signature



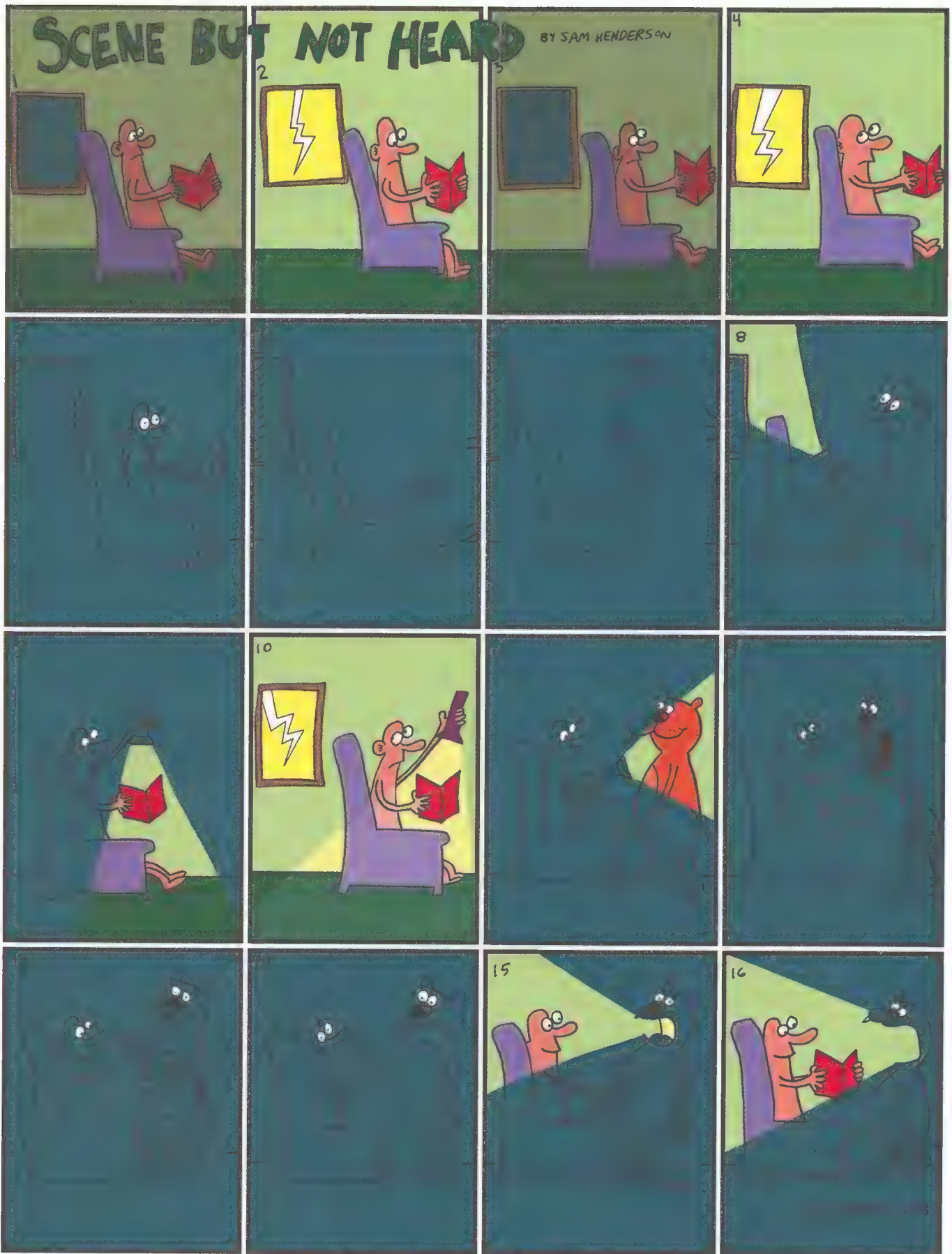
BEST FRIEND APPROVED



March
2009

The COMIC BOOK





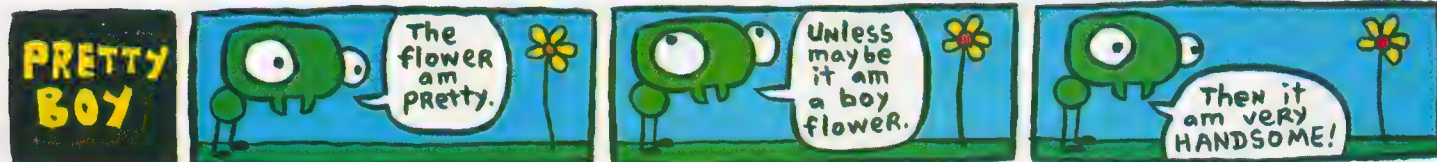
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⚡ X-RAY BOY ⚡



DAN ABDO



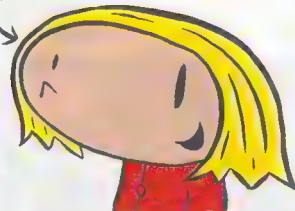


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SHARK HUNTERS

by jef czekaj

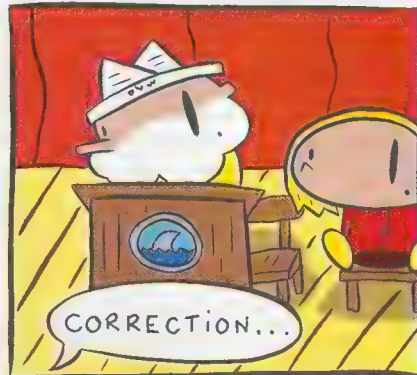
JULIE



YOU REMEMBER GRAMPA AND JULIE, DON'T YOU? GRAMPA'S A FAMOUS SCIENTIST, AND JULIE'S HIS MORE SENSIBLE GRANDDAUGHTER. IT LOOKS LIKE GRAMPA IS GIVING A LECTURE. LET'S LISTEN IN, SHALL WE?



... AND THAT'S HOW JULIE AND I FOUND STEPHEN, THE LARGEST SHARK IN THE WORLD.



CORRECTION...

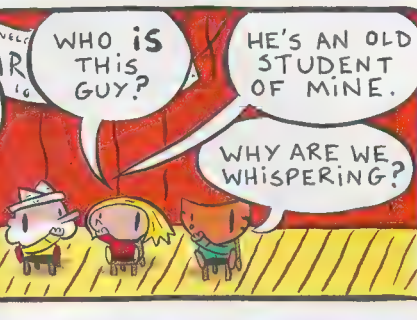


...SECOND-LARGEST SHARK IN THE WORLD!



AND SO...

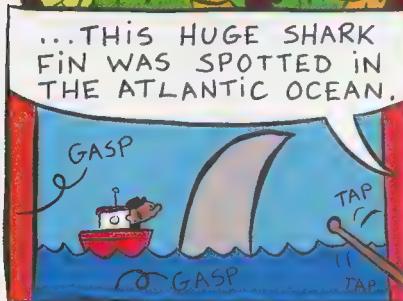
AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS PHOTO TAKEN LAST WEEK...



WHO IS THIS GUY?

HE'S AN OLD STUDENT OF MINE.

WHY ARE WE WHISPERING?



...THIS HUGE SHARK FIN WAS SPOTTED IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.



I, THE GREAT LOP KOOSTOE, INTEND TO FIND THIS GREAT BEAST!



LOP, WHAT IS THIS SHARK'S NAME?

WHO CARES ABOUT ITS NAME, YOU SENTIMENTAL OLD MAN?



I DO, AND I INTEND TO FIND OUT.



OH, ALSO, "XYZ."*

(GASP) ALL OF THIS (GASP) GASPING IS (GASP) TIRING.

(GASP) TELL ME (GASP) ABOUT IT.

*EXAMINE YOUR ZIPPER.

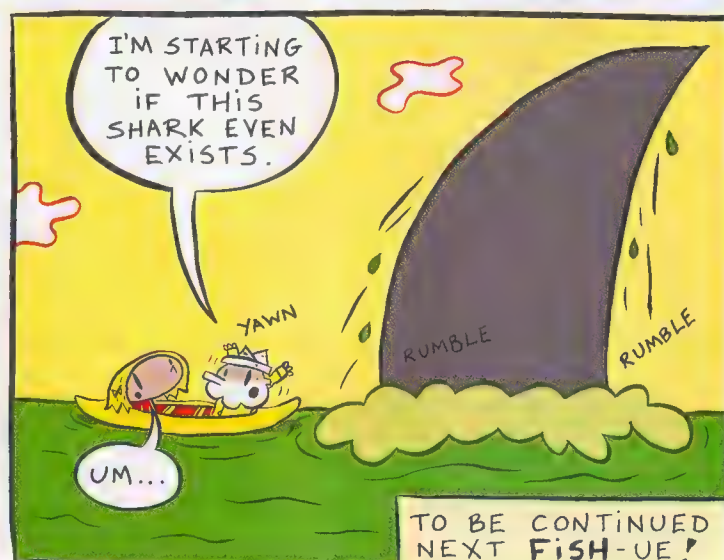
IMPY'S AMAZING ADVENTURE

Time for another exciting adventure!

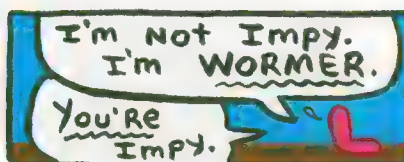
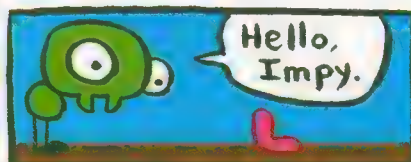


But don't worry. Not too exciting.



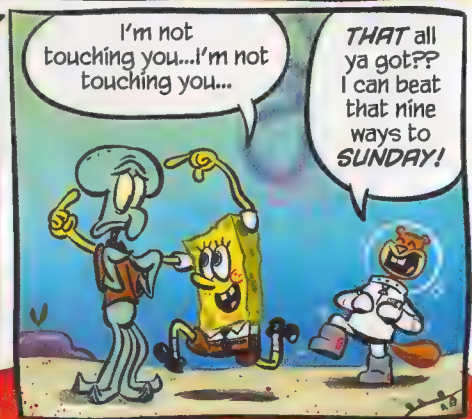
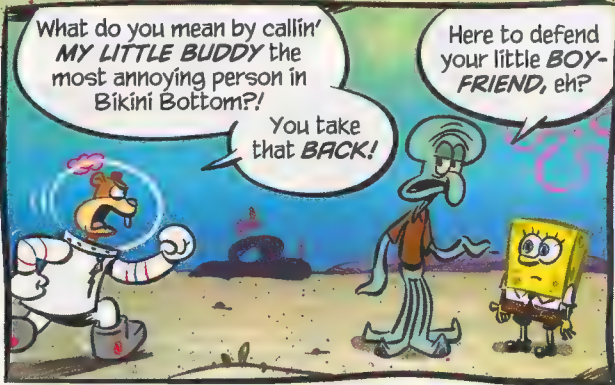


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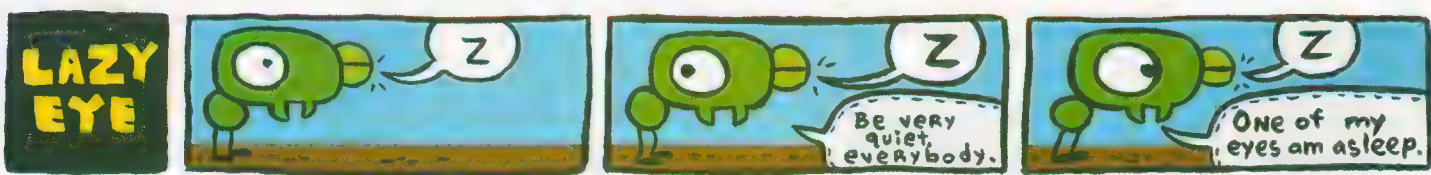


SpongeBob Squarepants

SPONGEBOB!
You have **GOT** to be the most **ANNOYING** person in Bikini Bottom!



HOURS PASS...



Story, art, and lettering: Jay Lender. Coloring: Wes Dzioba. *SpongeBob SquarePants* created by Stephen Hillenburg.



**UPSIDE
SILLY**

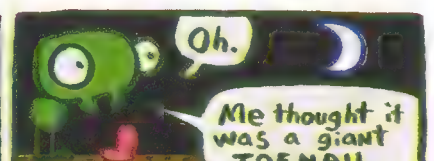




GAG STATION



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NO-WAY NOVELTIES CONTEST

In this issue's "No-Way Novelties" (page 24), we came up with some silly friendship-related inventions such as the No-Hassle Friend Doll below. For this contest, we'd like you to create a funny friendship product of your own.

Real

Three winners will receive a **SIGNED SPECTACULAR! SCRIPT**, a Spectacular! soundtrack, a Kung Fu Panda DVD, and a Nick Mag T-shirt.



Here's how to enter:

- 1 Make up a silly gadget that has to do with friendship. Give it a name and describe what it does. Then draw it or briefly describe what it looks like.
- 2 Make sure that your entry is your own idea. Please don't copy our examples or use someone else's idea. No copycats allowed!
- 3 Include your full name, age, address, and phone number with your entry.
- 4 Mail your entry by **March 31, 2009**, to:

No-Way Novelties Contest
NICKELODEON MAGAZINE
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Sorry, we can't return your entries, but we will print our favorites in a future issue. All entries become the exclusive property of **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE**.



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Player Ratings

Everyone has video game characters that they love or hate. But did you know that video game characters have similar feelings about the human beings who play them? Read on as four characters explain why they love or hate certain human players. **by Matthew Hawkins**

Favorite Players



Character: Jigglypuff (Super Smash Bros. Brawl)

Jigglypuff's favorite player: Davey Darno, age 9, Boston, Massachusetts

Why?: Davey is an extremely talented brawler and always uses Jigglypuff to leave his opponents sweating, broken, and with zeros in the win column.

Jigglypuff says (translated from Pokénese): "Most people just see me as an adorable pink puff that sings, and I'm sick of it! Davey knows a true warrior when he sees one!"

Character: Sammy Saunders (The Sims)

Sammy's favorite player: Tracy Van Dorn, age 11, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Why?: Because Tracy knows exactly what her Sim family needs. As they say, love is the same in every language.

Sammy says: "Rish raw, do minna yah. Ip so do-na rin rah, disi dah...Geega don ban roosh, ista bee da sen der dan, feer bar vooose. En yo blad!" (Translation: "Tracy always makes sure that we're well fed, rested, clean, even entertained... With Tracy around, I never have to worry about my dad accidentally wetting himself!")

Tracy, got any room at your place?



Least Favorite Players

Character: Mario (Super Mario Galaxy)

Mario's least favorite player: Katie Conners, age 8, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Why?: No matter how many free lives Katie gets, she immediately loses them all and never comes close to making simple, entry-level jumps.

Mario says: "Mamma mia! This kid, she's so slow with the A button that she make the Princess wait for me extra long! Peach, don't blame me or Bowser, blame Katie Conners!"



Character: Lars Ümläut (Guitar Hero World Tour)

Lars's least favorite player: Joey Sinclair, age 10, Carson City, Nevada

Why?: Joey's lack of musical mojo has cost Lars gig after gig and forced him to change bands countless times.

Lars says: "That Joey makes me look like an idiot onstage every single night. And he chooses the same songs over and over again and *still* can't master them! Most of the audience has been scared away. Because of him, I'm thinking of quitting the band and taking up...I dunno...maybe the accordion."



Are You Worthy?

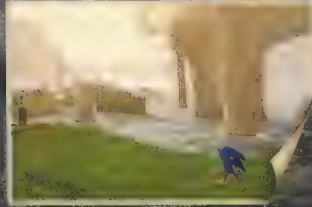
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SpongeBob SquarePants



Throughout 2009, Nick will be celebrating 10 years of *SpongeBob SquarePants*!



Nick Mag

Every issue for the next several months will include a new *SpongeBob SquarePants* puzzle, starting with the one on the next page. Later this year, the solutions to all of these puzzles can be used to reveal a final password that will let you unlock a digital prize online.

If you miss a puzzle in the magazine, you will be able to find it at SpongeBob.com.

This is puzzling to me.



Online

Check out SpongeBob.com for inside info on the show, new games, and more!

TV

Be on the lookout for *SpongeBob SquarePants* premieres and specials throughout the year. During the week of Monday, March 16, catch a new episode of *SpongeBob SquarePants* every day at 5 PM.



SpongeBob SquarePuzzle #1

by Robert Leighton



The two scenes below may look alike at first, but they are actually quite different. See if you can find all 10 differences. Then, using a ruler, draw a line from each item in the top scene to the exact spot where it has been changed in the bottom scene. Each line will cross out a letter in a bubble. When you've found all 10 differences, the six remaining letters will spell out the answer to this riddle:

If SpongeBob isn't a sailor, then what is he when he's out on Mr. Krabs's boat?



L A S B R E T O A G R P I D U N



Answer on page 45.



The Results Are In

Real

Dumb Frozen Treats Contest

Winners

In our August 2008 issue, we asked readers to create a disgusting dessert. Here are the entries we *can* wait to taste.

WINNERS

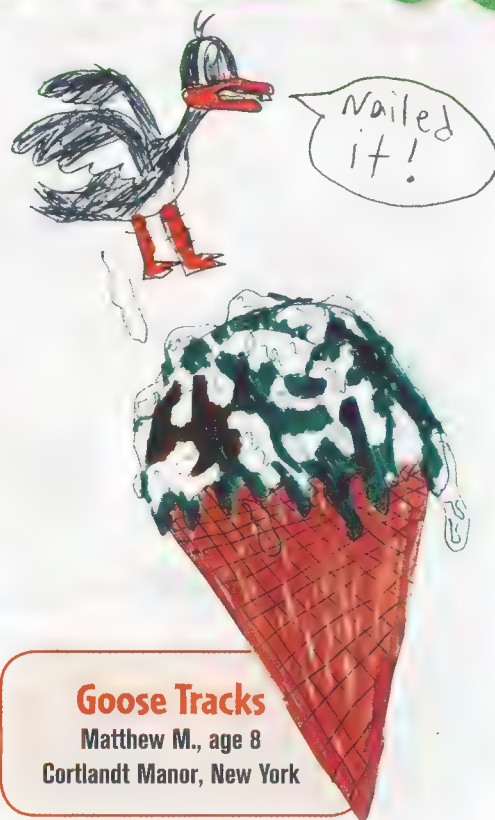


**IT'SNOT
Frozen Yogurt**
Jefferson Z., age 13
Newbern, Tennessee

We sure know how to pick a winner.



Mopsicles
Sarah N., age 11
Crystal Lake, Illinois

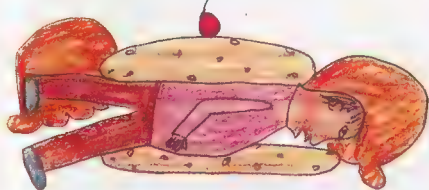


Goose Tracks
Matthew M., age 8
Cortlandt Manor, New York

Winners received a Tivoli Audio iPAL radio, an *iCarly* CD, and a Nick Mag T-shirt.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Man-wich Sundae
Kathryn L., age 12
West Danville, Vermont



Klonpike Bar
Andrew T., age 11
Burke, Virginia

Flushy Slushy*
Kiera Marie G., age 13
Weddington, North Carolina



Mice Cream*
Steven A., age 7
Bayville, New Jersey

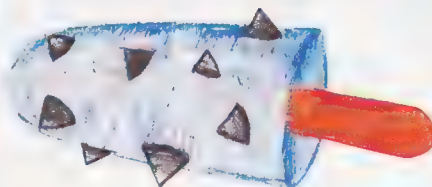
Eye Scream Sundae*
Sadie Collins T., age 11
Kennesaw, Georgia



Eye Scream Bar*
Carter T., age 10
Ansonia, Connecticut



Spikesicle
Meredith Rose S., age 12
Newville, Pennsylvania



**Chocolate-Covered
Pickle Pop!**
Olivia P., age 11
Lexington, Massachusetts



*We received a number of entries like this one.





The Results Are In

Say What? Winners

Real

from the September
2008 issue



Girl: I think you're getting
on his nerves.

Liz G., age 11
Lone Tree, Iowa

Girl: Now *that's* what I call
a boo-boo!

Trey T., age 9
Signal Mountain, Tennessee

Girl: Did he just wink at me?*

Lance N., age 9
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Girl: Is that what inner beauty
looks like?*

Abbey G., age 10
Denton, Texas

Girl: No guts, no glory.

Chase R., age 11
Shreveport, Louisiana

Girl: There's no brain...must
be my brother.

Ashley D., age 12
Amery, Wisconsin

Girl: No amount of makeup can
fix that!

Chloe S., age 7
Decatur, Illinois

Girl: I'm pretty sure he doesn't
have a pulse.*

Darby M., age 10
Shreveport, Louisiana

*We received a number of
entries like this one.

Thanks for all your entries.
They embodied perfection.



They really tickled
my funny bone.

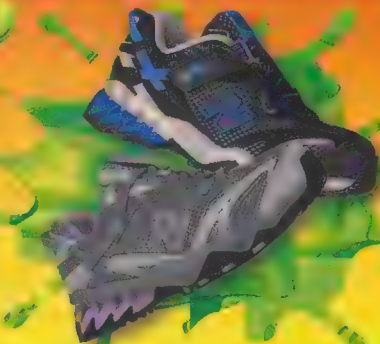


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Greatest Hits Album!

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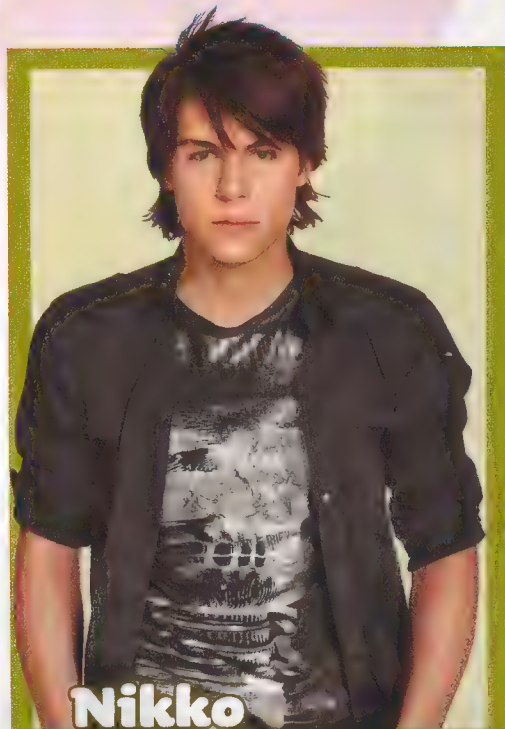
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A Spectacular! Story

Real

Spectacular!
premieres on Monday
February 16, at 8 p.m.
Go to nick.com/spectacular
for details and a game
based on the movie!

Spectacular! is about a rock singer named Nikko who unexpectedly ends up in a competitive performance group called Spectacular. Here's a quick guide to the main characters and the actors who play them.



Nikko

Most likely to: Smash a guitar on a speaker onstage

Best trait: Knows how to rock

Worst trait: Doesn't quite get the whole show choir thing

Signature line: "The name of the [show choir] is Spectacular? Why? Did you guys lose a bet?"

Played by: NOLAN GERARD FUNK

Where else you've seen him: He was in *X2*, and has appeared on *Smallville*. He's also in Miranda Cosgrove's video for "Stay My Baby."

His favorite songs in *Spectacular!*:

"Something to Believe In," "Don't Tell Me," and "Break My Heart"

Cast member he thinks is most likely to break into song while walking down the street: "Simon. He would get Britney Spears songs stuck in my head."



Courtney

Most likely to: Organize a dance-a-thon

Best trait: Superdedicated

Worst trait: Takes everything too seriously

Signature line: "They're called jazz hands!"

Played by: TAMMIN SURSOK

Where else you've seen her: She appeared in the movie *Aquamarine*.

Her favorite song in

***Spectacular!*:** "Something to Believe In"

Cast member she thinks is most likely to break into song while walking down the street: "Simon."



Tammi

Most likely to: Roll her eyes

Best trait: Loyal to Ta-Da, Spectacular's rival show choir

Worst trait: Not nice

Signature line: "Wake up, Courtney, this is how things are done in the big leagues."

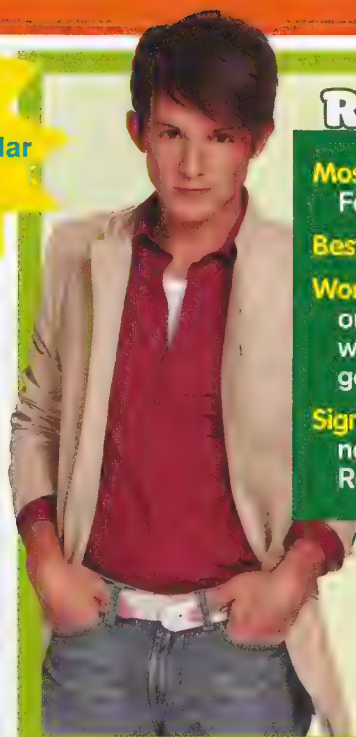
Played by: VICTORIA JUSTICE

Where else you've seen her: *Zoey 101*.

Her favorite song in

***Spectacular!*:** "Lonely Love Song"

Cast member she thinks is most likely to break into song while walking down the street: "Simon Curtis! He sings every time I'm with him!"



Royce

Most likely to:
Follow the leader

Best trait: Can sing

Worst trait: Skipped
out on *Spectacular!*
when the going
got rough

Signature line: "I'm
not afraid of you,
Rock Boy."

Played by:
SIMON CURTIS

**Where else you've
seen him:** This
is Simon's first
major role.

**His favorite song
in *Spectacular!*:**
"Lonely Love
Song"

**Cast member he
thinks is most
likely to break into**

**song while walking down the
street:** Himself. "We have so
much video footage of me not
knowing that I was being taped
just staring into space, singing."

WHAT'S NEW ON NICK

Penguins of Madagascar

The penguins are back,
and this time, it's for their
very own show! Catch the
premiere immediately
after the *Kids' Choice
Awards* on Saturday,
March 28. And check
out the first-ever
Penguins of Madagascar
online game at nick.com.



Saturday Nights on Nick

See new episodes of *iCarly*, *H2O*, and
True Jackson, VP, on Saturday nights.
Go to nick.com for the latest info
and games.

Big Green Help

If you haven't downloaded the Big
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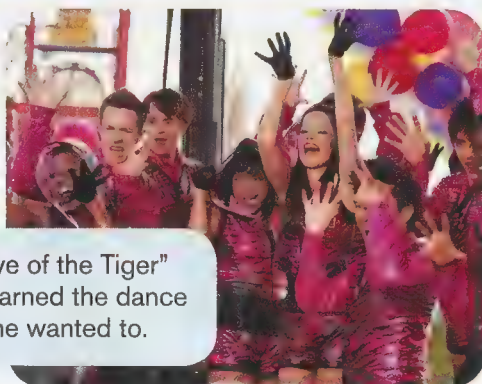
If you have, keep
on going! Use the
Tracker to keep
up with your
progress on your
Big Green Help
pledges. And remember, every little
bit helps—whether you recycle a soda
can, walk somewhere instead of asking
for a ride, or remember to turn off the
lights on your way out the door, you're
making a difference!

 Dates are subject
to change. Check
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XOXO
Simon Curtis
*Love
Tammin*
SPECTACULAR!
by
Jon Krug
Reviewed by
Julia Wang
Rock on!
Nolan Gerard Funk

5 Things You Didn't Know About *Spectacular!*

1 The movie was
shot in Vancouver,
Canada, which is
Nolan's hometown.



2 Nolan wasn't in the "Eye of the Tiger"
scene (right), but he learned the dance
anyway, just because he wanted to.



3 Tammin, who is Australian, said that the
most challenging scene for her to shoot
was one where she had to sing the word
nostalgia without her Australian accent.

4 After shooting began, Victoria and
Simon discovered that they live in the
same neighborhood in Los Angeles.



5 After the movie was
finished, the cast
attacked the director
with Silly String.

For a chance to win a
Spectacular! script autographed
by the cast, as well as the movie's
soundtrack, enter the contest
on page 33.

A large, dynamic photograph of basketball player Antawn Jamison in a blue jersey, captured mid-air as he dunks the ball. The basketball hoop and net are visible in the upper right corner, and the background is dark with some arena lights.

ANTAWN JAMISON

STRENGTH OF CHARACTER

Everyone—even great winners—feel peer pressure to do things they know aren't in their own (or anyone's) best interest. Antawn figured out that it pays not to give in.

Q: Even a terrific athlete feels both positive and negative peer pressure while he's growing up. Can you give an example of how positive peer pressure has lifted you up—and how you've stood strong against negative peer pressure, such as the pressure to drink alcohol underage?

A: When I went to the University of North Carolina, it was your duty to uphold a certain standard both on the court and in the classroom. You were expected to play basketball, go to class, and achieve high grades—to be the best on and off the court. This was an example of good peer pressure, to be a student-athlete, and I wanted to achieve that goal.

But there were also friends who'd try to make you feel like you had to drink to fit in. I resisted this and stuck to my decision not to drink. They began to understand that drinking isn't what creates the bond—it's the friendship that's the bond.

Read the rest of Antawn's interview at asklistenlearn.com.

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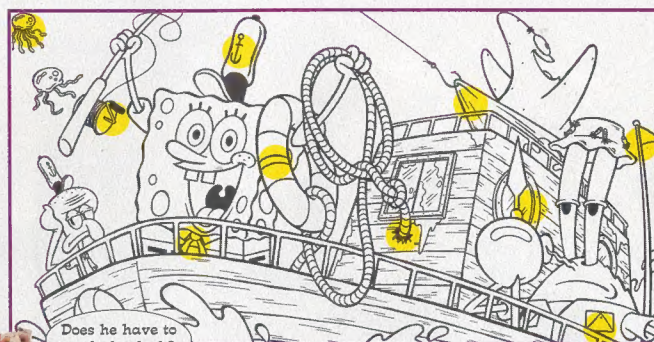
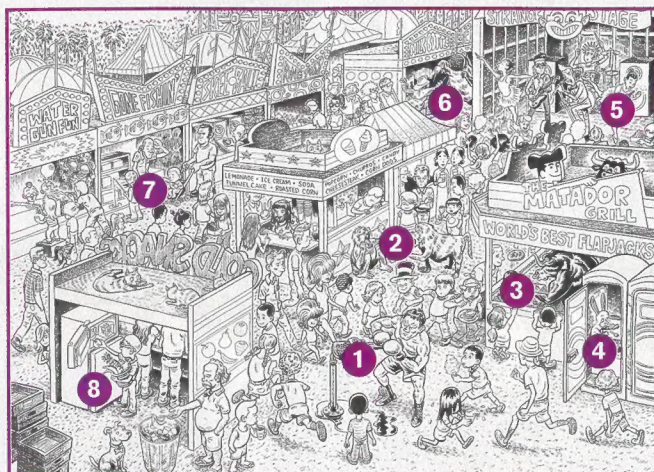
The fake friends are the kangaroo and the emu.

Best BFF Puzzle Ever! (pages 14-15):

1-Boxer Fixing Faucet; 2-Baboon Flossing Fangs; 3-Bull Flipping Flapjacks; 4-Bunny Flushing Forks; 5-Ballerina Filing Fingernails; 6-Bear Fencing Fireman; 7-Baby Feeding Fish; 8-Boy Freezing Fruit.

SpongeBob Square-Puzzle (pages 36-37):

If SpongeBob isn't a sailor, then what is he when he's out on Mr. Krabs's boat? **Aboard.**



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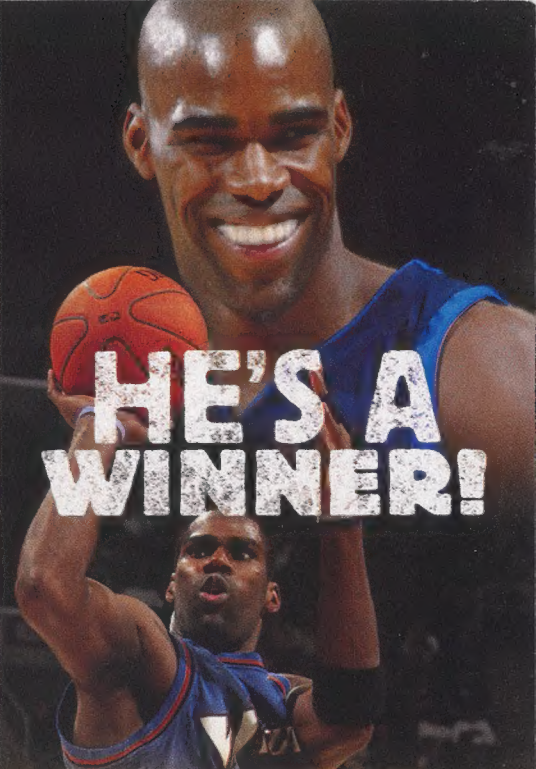
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A: I have a trainer who I work out with during the summer, and I also practice yoga.

Q: If you weren't a basketball player, what would you be?

A: A CSI agent.

Q: Who are your heroes?

A: My parents are the heroes in my life.

Q: You do so much to help other people. Do you have a favorite project?

A: I always love getting involved with kids—those are my favorite projects.

Q: How did you feel when they retired your number?

A: It was terrific! As a kid I always dreamed about....

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